

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 13, 23, 25, and 27 have been amended. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-13, 15-23, 25 and 27 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112:

In the Office Action, at pages 2-3, numbered paragraphs 3-4, claims 1, 3-13, 15-23, 25 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Independent claims 1, 13, 23, 25 and 27 have been amended to delete the descriptions which were indicated as new matter by the Examiner.

The added description ---and said holes form a passage for drawing air from the surface between said adhesive tapes and said main frame--- of claims 1 and 27 is supported, for example, on page 7, line 36 through page 8, line 10 of the specification.

The added description ---and said recesses have cavities between said adhesive tapes and said main frame, and form air bubbles in the cavities--- of claim 13 is supported, for example, on page 8, lines 11 to 30, of the specification.

Similarly, the added descriptions of claims 23 and 25 are supported, for example, on page 10, line 6 through page 11, line 6, of the specification.

The present invention avoids the large continuous air bubbles generated between the adhesive tapes and the main frame (or the adhesive tapes and the plasma display panel). The holes and recesses described in the claims form a passage for drawing air bubbles or a cavity gathering air bubbles.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 13, 23, 25 and 27 are supported by the specification and comply with the written description requirement under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Since claims 3-12 and 15-22 depend from amended independent claims 1 and 13, respectively, claims 3-12 and 15-22 are supported by the specification and comply with the written description requirement under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for at least the reasons that amended independent claims 1 and 13 are supported by

the specification and comply with the written description requirement under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Hence, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3-13, 15-23, 25 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

In the Office Action, at pages 3-7, numbered paragraphs 7-31, claims 1, 3-13, 15-23, 25, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Isohata (USPN 6,288,489; hereafter, Isohata). This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the descriptions regarding the holes and recesses clarify differences between the present invention and the "screw holes" of Isohata et al. (USPN 6,288,489). The screw hole of Isohata is clogged by a screw. Therefore, the screw hole cannot allow air bubbles to escape between the adhesive tapes and the main frame. Further, Isohata has no description that the adhesive tapes contact the screw holes and no description regarding the air bubbles. In other words, Isohata does not teach or suggest that air bubbles are allowed to escape through holes or gathered in recesses, as is set forth in the present invention.

Hence, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3-13, 15-23, 25, and 27 are not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Isohata (USPN 6,288,489)..

EXAMINER'S RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS:

In the Office Action, at page 7, numbered paragraphs 32-35, the Examiner submitted arguments to Applicants' argument filed on July 28, 2006.

In view of the above arguments, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims are in allowable form.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot, and further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited. At a minimum, this Amendment should be entered at least for purposes of Appeal as it either clarifies and/or narrows the issues for consideration by the Board.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited and possibly concluded by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss any such remaining issues.

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